

Remarks:

1. Applicant thanks Examiner for his timely and careful examination of the application. In the Office Action of August 25, 2004, Examiner rejected all pending claims 1 – 11, but conditionally allowed claim 11.
2. **Amendments to the Specification:** Corrections of typos and grammatical errors were made in paragraphs [0007], [0009], [0017], and [0018]. No new subject matter was introduced with these changes and Applicant respectfully requests approval and entry of the amendments.
3. **Amendments to the Claims:** Claims 1 and 10 were amended to include a rear panel hingedly connected to a front panel. Language supporting this amendment is found in paragraph [0017] of the Specification as originally filed and shown in FIGS. 1 and 3. Claim 9 was amended for syntactical reasons only. No new subject matter was introduced with these amendments and Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner approve and enter these amended claims.
4. **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112:** On Page 2 of the Office Action, Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to set forth how or what structure comprises the surface treatment on the side surface. Applicant notes that paragraph [0018] of the Specification as filed includes language that describes a knurled or embossed surface on the circumferential side of the head 107B, to facilitate gripping and turning and that the surface treatment is indicated in Fig. 2. Claim 9 has been amended to recite a circumferential side surface, a portion of which has an enhanced surface for facilitating gripping. Applicant respectfully submits that language supporting this enhanced surface is included in the specification and accordingly requests that Examiner withdraw his rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.
5. **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):** On Page 3 of the Office Action, Examiner rejected claims 1 – 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Immerman et al. (US 6,604,648). Immermann et al. discloses an attaching system for a container and a base, the two parts being structurally very different than the device of

the present application. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite, among other elements, a shell having a rear panel hingedly connected to a front panel, with the recess formed in the rear panel. Language supporting this amendment is found in paragraphs [0006] and [0017] of the Specification as filed and illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 originally filed. Immermann does not disclose a device having front and rear panels connected by a hinge. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as currently amended are not anticipated by the cited prior art and, accordingly, requests that Examiner withdraw his rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and allow this claim.

6. With regard to claim 2, Applicant submits that the recited prior art does not disclose a rear panel with a recess in it and a shell backing that covers the inside surface of the rear panel and holds the nut in the recess. Furthermore, Applicant asserts that claim 1 contains allowable subject matter and, thus, claim 2, being dependent from and including all the limitations of claim 1, also contains allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw his rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and allow this claim.

7. With regard to claims 3 – 5, Applicant submits that these claim all depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and, thus, also contain allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw his rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and allow these claims.

8. **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):** On Pages 4 – 7 of the Office Action, Examiner rejected claims 5 – 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 5 – 8 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and therefore include all the limitations of the base and intervening claims. Applicant asserts that claim 1 as currently amended contains allowable subject matter and, so, claims 5 – 8 contain allowable subject matter, too. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw his rejection to claim 5 – 8.

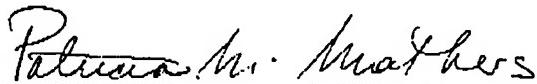
9. On pages 6 and, Examiner rejected claim 10 as being unpatentable over Immermann in view of Tibbetts (US 6,357,951). Claim 10 has been amended to recite a shell with a rear panel hingedly connected to a front panel. None of the prior art, either

alone or in combination, disclose, teach, or suggest the structure as currently claimed. Accordingly, claim 10 has allowable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw his rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and allow claim 10.

10. In summary, claims 1, 9, and 10 have been amended. Applicant has addressed each and every rejection raised by Examiner and asserts that the claims as currently presented contain allowable subject matter. Applicant requests entry and approval of the amended claims and allowance of claims 1 – 11.

11. This petition is being filed within the three month statutory period of the Office Action and, thus, no fees are due.

Respectfully submitted,



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